

Captain Nathaniel Gray Smith Hart. A brother-in-law of Henry Clay and a Lexington lawyer, Hart bravely served the young Nation in the War of 1812, when he was captured and killed at the Battle of the River Raisin in the Michigan Territory.

Its local history is deeply intertwined with the geography. Early settlers planted roots near present-day Horse Cave because of the fertile soil. Like many Kentucky communities, the economic success of burley tobacco drove the local economy, putting food on family tables and shoes on children's feet. The Green River opened access routes for commerce throughout the country, and the establishment of the Mammoth Cave National Park, the world's longest known cave system, has made Hart County a destination for tourism.

The strategic construction of Louisville & Nashville Railroad through both Horse Cave and the county seat of Munfordville in 1859 brought new waves of economic growth. However, at the outbreak of the American Civil War, the railroad's location also made it a target. Segments of the track were attacked by both Union and Confederate troops, and the county was the site of three battles. It is also the home of two Civil War generals, Thomas J. Wood fighting for the Union and future Kentucky Governor Simon Bolivar Buckner for the Confederacy. Each September, the community remembers its place in this chapter of American history during the Hart County Civil War Days.

Through the years, Hart County has continued to prosper. The building of I-65 through the county has bolstered the area's growth and opened new opportunities for tourism and economic activity. Local leaders are especially proud of the recent expansion of Sister Schubert's famous bakery and the opening of the Green River College and Career Academy. The county's best days are still ahead.

With a rich heritage and a promising future, Hart County certainly has a lot to celebrate. Along with the families and leaders of the county like Judge Executive Joe Choate, it is my privilege to mark this great occasion. I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in celebrating 200 years of historic achievement in Hart County.

BICENTENNIAL OF SIMPSON COUNTY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, today I would like to join my fellow Kentuckians in Simpson County as they celebrate their bicentennial anniversary. Along our Commonwealth's southern border with Tennessee, Simpson County is home to two centuries of rich history and cultural heritage. Today, I would like to mark this impressive milestone.

The county was named in tribute to a brave Kentuckian who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our Nation

in the Battle of the River Raisin during the War of 1812, Captain John Simpson. A prominent Kentucky lawyer and state legislator, Simpson served as the speaker of Kentucky's House of Representatives in 1810 and 1811. The following year, Simpson was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, but postponed taking his seat to join the Army, where he was killed serving our young Nation.

The county's rich history and fertile land has helped grow a strong agricultural tradition, with tobacco, corn, and hay planted in the soil. Interestingly, Simpson County was also known as a popular dueling ground in its earliest days. The county's proximity to the state line apparently drew a number of prominent individuals for these so-called affairs of honor. Even Sam Houston, the future President of the Republic of Texas and U.S. Senator, is said to have fought and won a duel there in 1826.

As with many communities throughout Kentucky, Simpson County residents were sharply divided during the American Civil War. Residents served on both sides of the conflict, and troops skirmished in the area following attacks on two trains on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad lines in 1863. The war left a long-lasting impact on Simpson County's economy and post-war recovery.

For many years, residents thrived from a primarily agricultural economy. In fact, Simpson County was known as one of the largest mule markets in the world. Midway through the 20th century, local leaders sought to expand the county's economy with the help of the completion of I-65, which runs through Franklin, the county seat and its largest city. That growth continues to this day.

Residents have planned a year full of festive events for Simpson County's bicentennial year. In remembering their proud history, they will also celebrate the community's great potential ahead. With the leadership of Judge Executive Mason Barnes and other dedicated Kentuckians, this vibrant community will continue to succeed in our Commonwealth. I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in marking 200 years of Simpson County heritage and wishing them well for many more prosperous years to come.

IOWA SAFE SCHOOLS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, Iowans from the organization Iowa Safe Schools asked me to note that July 15 is the kickoff of their annual Pride Camp. They tell me that it is an opportunity to learn valuable life skills and network with other LGBTQ youth in a supportive and nurturing environment and that it is a week full of fun and learning for its attendees.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act

requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 19-42 concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Germany for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$401 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

GREGORY M. KAUSNER
(For Charles W. Hooper, Lieutenant
General, USA, Director).

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 19-42

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Germany

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$229 million.

Other \$172 million.

Total \$401 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Fifty (50) Patriot Advanced Capability 3 (PAC-3) Missiles Segment Enhanced (MSE).

Non-MOE: Also included are PAC-3 MSE launcher conversion kits; Missile Round Trainers (MRTs); Empty Round Trainers (ERTs); Launcher Stations (LS) heater controllers; PAC-3 ground support equipment; concurrent spare parts; documentation and publications; PAC-3 MSE shorting plugs; Quality Assurance Team; missile canister consumables; missile skid kits; PAC-3 MSE repair and return; missile Field Surveillance Program (FSP) for PAC-3 MSE; U.S. Government transportation; MSE launcher spare parts; PAC-3/MSE GMT kits; MSE DC motor kits; targets; Telemetry; U.S. Government range support; MSE flight test support; U.S. Government and contractor engineering; technical and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (GY-B-XAV).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: N/A.

(vi) Sales Commission. Fee, etc. Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.